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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Α. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 25, 2005, with a three-month shortened statutory period expire April 25. 2005, response set to onApplicant requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

A one-month extension of time is believed necessary and is respectfully requested, the fee for which is enclosed. If an additional extension of time required, the is additional extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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